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The Last Word

GIRL OF THE YEAR

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-OUT OF THE MAIL BAG -

This past month the mail man brought the Gang a couple of letters. The first one was from the Jacksons.....Ann and Dick. They are settled down in a cute apartment in San Diego, Ann said the only thing she didn't like down there is the lousy water. Maybe we should send down a few gallons. I'm sure we could spare it, what with the excess around here.

From the U.S.S. LASP came a letter from Darwyn (Sunshine) Sumstine. Dar said he'd like to be back here, even give up all that sunshine for a little of his native state's rain. He enclosed regards from Rip Van Winkle who is also stationed on the ship. Hi to you too Rip.

SKI TRIP

MARCH 18

ANNUAL SKI TRIP TO MT. HOOD via Greyhound bus

SKIING
TOBOGGANING
SIGHTSEEING

Leave 5:00 a.m. Return 10:00 p.m.

Sign up at desk
Cost: Appro. $8:00

Everyone who is going must sign up and pay $5.00 by midnight March 16th. This fee takes care of transportation, lunch and dinner for sure. Come with us, your sure to have a wonderful time!

- BON VOYAGE -

GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES to Bob Biddle

Bob was discharged from the "Men in Blue" February 2nd and immediately left for home.....Normal, Illinois via airplane. Bob wastes no time as he expected to arrive home about noon on the 3rd of February and that afternoon continue where he left off four years ago in college. He is a senior majoring in education. When asked if he had any last comments for the paper, Bob replied, "Anyone planning an excursion east, drop in. Thanks to the GSO girls, Verna, and Jim Taylor." The Best to you Bob in your future.

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"All you people can breathe at ease, Rocky has left for the seven seas," so said Rocky Bryan the night before he left, February 28th. Rocky is heading for Kwajalein Island for a year of duty and then on to Pearl Harbor for another year. After that????? He will try civilian life for 90 days to see if he prefers that to Navy life. Rocky has been here since December 1954 and during his stay here has been a great help to us with decorating for several of our special dances and parties. Thanks a lot Rocky for all your help and the best of luck to you.

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ROBERT JOSEPH SULLIVAN, that cute brown eyed, blode haired fellow from the USS ASKARI (ARL-30) left March 2nd for 30 days leave at home in Pacific Palisades, California, after which he will be stationed at the Headquarters of the Commander Pacific Reserve Fleet in San Francisco, California. We first met Bob at our Halloween Party and since then he has been one of the family. When asked if he had any last comments to make, Bob replied, "The USO is terrific, had many great times, without the USO I'd probably gone buggy. I would like to wish everyone here well and if you are ever down my way I've always got a cold beer in the icebox, but I'm never home. Like McArthur says, 'I shall return'." We will miss you Jr., but as you say, "I shall return," maybe we will see you again one of these days. Good Luck Bob.

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JOKES?????

KEN: "Aren't you the fellow who sold me this car two weeks ago?"

SALESMAN: "Yes, sir."

KEN: "Well, tell me about it again, I get so discouraged."

CORONATION BALL

On Tuesday evening decorations started under the able direction of Louise Brenner. The lights were burning late as Louise, Keith Wilcox and Annie Schairer worked feverishly.

Wednesday evening the USO Bandwagon featured Jan Bartoldus, who gave verbal announcements on the air of the Coronation Ball. Invitations had been sent out and everybody was dusting off their formals, suits and ties and shining up ready for the big Coronation Ball.

Thursday evening brought with it ice that made driving very difficult and several poeple late but nonetheless the dance started at 8:00. Huge valentines encircled the entrance to be used by the Girl of the Year and her court, the throne, and the lovely picture of Annie Schairer, which adorned the wal opposite the entrance. The theme was set and everyone started dancing to the rhythmatic music of the Rhythmaires.

At 8:30 the ceremonies started with Jim Taylor, Director of the USO, officiating. Each of the Girl of the Month's were announced and accredited as they promenaded through the court entrance heart and up to the throne to the song, "A pretty Girl is Like a Melody." The girl of the month's present were, Louise Brenner, Virginia Lundburg, Fairy Vaughan, Janice Bartoldus, and Delores Pilgard, all dressed in beautiful white formals. Teresa Walstrom and Robie Hutchinson served as flower girl and crown bearer. Then Annie Schairer was announced - - GIRL OF THE YEAR FOR 1955. Mayor Peter Cosovich gave a short speech, crowned Annie and collected a kiss signifying his blessing and that of Astoria for her devoted time and work for the USO. Janet Jalbert sang two beautiful solos in honor of the Girl of the Year - - "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "It's A Big, Wide, Wonderful World." Her accompanist was Carol Bosshart.

Dancing continued again, after refreshments were served by the Methodist Church, until 11:30.

As one of the big formal dances of the year at the USO, it was a wonderful success, thanks to the people who helped to prepare for the Coronation Ball. For my part, and on behalf of all the servicemen and women in Astoria; Congratulations and thanks, Ann Schairer, Jim Taylor, and all who halped for making the USO a home away from home.

- Tom Sylvester -

THANKYOU TOM, FOR THE FINE ARTICLE. I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SOME MORE FINE ONES IN THE NEAR FUTURE!!

- EDITOR -

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The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.

15th U.S.O. BIRTHDAY PARTY

All were on hand to help the U.S.O. celebrade its 15th birthday on the eve of February 3rd. Chaplain Whitman opened the festivities with an invocation of prayer.

Mr. Gene Lowe, the incoming chairman of the board of management, and Pete Cosovich Astoria's beloved mayor were on hand to give short congratulatory speeches on behalf of the City of Astoria for the fine work that the USO has been doing in our city. Captain McDonald thanked the USO for all that it has provided for the sailors at Tongue Point.

Mrs. Dorotha Radich entertained us with two excellent solos. We all enjoyed her fine singing.

Jim Taylor, our director, asked Tom Sylvester, January's Boy of the Month, to help him in presenting awards to the junior and senior hostesses. Those receiving awards were:

3 STAR USO PIN (For over 1000 hours of volunteer service.)
Miss Verna Hutonen
Miss Ann Schairer

2 STAR USO CERTIFICATE (For two years volunteer service with a least 100 hours service each year.)
Mrs. A. J. Antonich
Mrs. Amanda Hutonen

1 STAR USO PIN (For over 300 hours of volunteer service.)
Miss Louise Brenner
Miss Virginia Lundburg
Miss Fairy Vaughan
Miss Sue Sells
Mrs Kenyon E. Stone

USO BASIC PIN (For over 100 hours of volunteer service.)
Miss Janice Bartoldus
Miss Jo Ann Carlson,
Miss Dorothy Peterson

Those recieving this award but not present were Miss Shirley Diiro, Miss Evelyn Madsen, and Miss Alice Seabrook.

After the awards had been presented, John Fugate, SK2 cut the USO Birthday cake.

The evenings festivities wound up with a dance for which the Rhythmaires played some fine music.

I sm sure everyone had a wonderful time helping the USO celebrate it's 15th Birthday.

- Ann Schairer -

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"What do two balls in front of a pawn shop mean?"

"Two to one that you don't get it back."

BOY OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY -

An introduction need scareely be made for this 6'½", 157 pound serviceman who has black hair and hazel eyes. You've seen a lot of him since August 11, last year at which time he arrived in our fair city from aboard the USS GENIRAL W. A. MANN (TAP-112).

This boy of the month hails from Kansas City, Kansas and was born on February 15, 1935. Having moved quite often he now calls Texas his home. That may explain his reply to the query, "What is your favorite food?" The reply? "Steak, Texas style."

You have seen him at the USO mostly in the capacity of trumpet player for the Rhythmaires. He has played the trumpet since the 5th grade. His talents are not limited to the trumpet, however, for he also plays the viola. His favorite songs are "Unchained Melody" and "Street Scene." Favorite bands are Hay Anthony and Jackie Gleason. He enjoys playing with the band and finds that it and the other interests and the USO take much of his leisure time.

Undoubtly you have guessed that the above refers to none other than our own "Liberace" of the trumpet, EDDIE HOOPS. We find Eddie won't be with us too much longer for he will be released from active duty with the U.S. Navy in "193" days. What will he do then? If his plans come true the future will find him treading back to Texas to attend Texas Christian University to study law and accounting. Will he miss Astoria? He thinks that going to Texas he will probably be "like a fish out of water." That statement is quite proper, don't you think?

Although the above description may be short, it none-the-less does not diminish the thanks we want to extend to him for all of the fine works he has done around the USO. Eddie tells me that he needs about 72 hours sleep and if he had it he could probably tell lots more. You get that sleep, Eddie, and come back and see me some time later, and tell me more.

THANKYOU - EDDIE HOOPS

- Louise Brenner -

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It is nice to be important,
but more important to be nice!

- GIRL OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY -

The month, February, brings special recognition to a GSO Hostess who has been with us since last July - Dorothy Peterson. Astoria bonn, Dorothy made her debut into society on July 9, 1938. She has lived here all of her life and June of this year will find her graduating from the local public high school. Upon graduation, Dorothy will probagly go either to Portland or California to work.

Dorothy is 5'7", has blonde hair and blue eyes. She likes everything about the USO and thinks it is a wonderful place to meet people, You will never find her refusing Roast Chicken, her favorite food. Music, she likes, her #1 choice being "The Great Pretender." Sports are a definite like of hers, and she enjoys roller skating but preferes it with a pillow. She is just biding her time now until the skiing trip on March 18. She likes to embroider, cook and along this line she likes to make coffee for the kids after the dances. She would love to learn to play pool and would love to work here at the USO.

You are probably getting the idea that Dorothy has no dislikes. Well, she does not have many, She does have one pet peeve, however, that being the fellows who come to the dances, but do not dance.

Dorothy just recently received an award for having put in a least 100 hours of volunteer service at the USO.

Being a "Girl of the Month" is not new to the Peterson family, for Dorothy's following the footsteps of her sister Ernestine, who was honored in August 1955.

We do want to thank you, Dorothy, for working so diligently during the past, and particularly, this past month.

-Louise Brenner-

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- TALENT SHOW -

The Officers Wifes Club gave us a most delicious dinner on the night of January 29.

Tom Sylvester and Paul Bishop gave us their versions of "Tea for Two" and "16 Tons." Tom played the piano and Paul the spoons. It was very well dond boys.

A very surprised Ann Schairer and an equally surprised Tom Sylvester sang "Be My Love."

To Conclude our evening we all grouped around the piano and sang many old favorites.

- Jan Jalbert -

BOY OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Boy of the month for January is TOM SYLVESTER. He hails from St. Petersburg, Florida.

This boy is one I am sure you all know for if you see a guy playing practically every instrument in the band you have found Tom.

He is 19 years old. When asked of his likes and dislikes, he replied, "Well, I like peanut butter, hash, steaks, and "Josie". hmmmmmm! He dislikes "cliques" and the rain. (Can we blame him)

His favorite activity at the USO is the USO Bandwagon, in which he takes a very active part. He also likes to hear the four freshmen sing "How Can I Tell Her?"

His im ression of the USO is that is a fine organization and offers servicemen and women no only recreation and fellowship, but a chance to become familiar with the business men and woemen of America. Tom says, "A salute to the service personnel's home away from home."

Congratulations, Tom, and a very big THANKYOU, for your everpresent helping hand.

- Dolores Pilgard -

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- GIRL OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY -

Our Girl of the Month for January is Ann Schairer with blue eyes and light brown hair. She is 5'5" and weighs 112 pounds.

She is an original "Fishhead" having lived in Astoria all of her young life, since 1936, which makes hereapproximately 20 years old.

This girl is well experienced as a "Girl of the Month" for this is her third time during her three years service for the USO. Also, of course, she was "Girl of the Year, for 1955."

"Annie" states that her favorite of her favorite foods is sirloin steak, mediam rare. She likes listening to the Crewcuts as they sing her favorite song, "Talking to the Antels In the Sky." When asked of her favorite activity at the USO, She replied "Dancing." (This is eyident at the local dances. Ann can always be found somewhere on the dance floor.)

Ann is a graduate of Star of the Sea High School, in 1953, and has attended activities at the USO since that time.

- Dolores Pilgard -

THE CHATTERBOX

By Skeets

It seems that a certain yound lad just can't go skating without skinning his knee-caps.

Who is it that openly makes the claim that he is not a "chowhound", but whenever there is food around he is sure to find it???????????

Who is it that delights in mildly shaking people up just as a pasttime?

It seems as if one of our GSO gals gets all excited at the sight of an innocent piece of leather and a chunk of metal.....

Who are the people who are trying to drum-up business for the local hospital by the way they wax the dance floor at the Thursday and Saturday Nite dances?

A good sized onion goes out to the people who apparently DO NOT make an attempt to "Dress for the occasion."

An Orchid goes out to Jan Jalbert for the entertainment program at the buffet supper on the 29th of January.

An orchid to Constructive critics.. and an onion to Distructive critics...

Onions to those gals who have forgotten that they should be hostesses to everyone and have allo ed themselves to become part of a small, unfriendly, clique.....

Onions to the guys who forget that they are part of a party and try to monopolize a gal for the whole evening

Onions to those who try to have everyone share their dislike for a person.....

HEY!!! Wha hoppin when some of the gang went skiing recently? (No Casualties????????)

Who has a tough time reading the labelslabels on phone recordings? They are printed in the English language.

Hows come "Mike Hammer" or "Sam Spade" have been seen in town??????

The GSO Hostesses want more guys jitterbugging at dances.....How about teaching them gals?

What certain yound lad is now being referred to as "Baldy".....

An Orchid to those who give their time and effort to "operation cleanup" after the buffet suppers. It is really appreciated.

An Onion to those who complain about a problem and het offer no safisfactory solution to it.....

Tothose who consider the other person's views as well as their own, goes a very grand Orchid.....

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When you see a woman driver put her arm out the window, you can be sure of one thing - - - the window is open.

If you want to see ninety, don't look for it on the speedometer.....

S O N G D E D I C A T I O N S

Hi Everyone!!! Yep, it's time for the article that is made up you. If you have any requests, by all means let us know and we'll be glad to print them in the next issue.

First one goes to ---whoever she may be, "HURRY, HURRY, HURRY" from Ron(Ski) (He must evidently be in a hurry)

To our old flames, "KISS OF FIRE" from the Blisterlips Four (4). (Those "flames" must be real "hot stuff", hey?)

To Delores, "I'M GOING OUT ON MY FRONT PORCH AND CRY" from Dick.

To Dick, "CRY FOOL, CRY" from Delores. (Come now, De, at least loan him your hanky.)

The special feature this month is -----IF I COULD BE WITH YOU ----------
It goes out to SUE from RAY. To KENNY K. from GINNY. and to JACK, who likes it.

The three musketeers dedicated "TERROR OF HIGHWAY 101" to M. Paul. (I wonder why?)

To Mr. Taylor, Fairy would like to answer one of your questions, "AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'"

To everyone that goes to the Sunday Sing-a-longs, "SING, SING, SING".

To certain people "GOT ALONG WITHOUT YA BEFORE I MET YA, GONNA GET ALONG WITHOUT YA NOW" from Jan and Fairy.

To the 1955 Girl of the Year, Miss Schairer, and her court "A PRETTY GIRL IS LIKE A MELODY"

To Dorothy from Don, "THE GREAT PRETENDER" (Oh My, what do we have here.)

For Tom and Ken from the Gan, "MR RECORD PLAYER"

"LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED THING" to Lou and Willy from ole "Hawk Eye".

To Bernard "ONLY YOU" from Delores.

Hi, Minnie, I got a request here for you from your gal, Fairy, "BAND OF GOLD" and "WISH YOU WERE HERE". By the way, ze zombies's and spagahetti aren't so good any more.

"BEWARE" to some people that should.

From the gang to Verna, "AIN'T SHE SWEET?"

To the gang "So LONG, IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YA" from Bob Sullivan, the "Kid".

"SO LONG" to "Red", Les and whoever elese is leaving us this month, from the gang.

To Bob Livengood, "IF I HAD THREE WISHES" from Jan Bartoldus.

"IT'S ALMOST TOMORROW" to the guys off the ASKARI fro the GSO

"I WANNA LIVE TIL I DIE" to Jerry Vasseur.

"MAMMA COME GET YOUR BABY BOY" to "Mother" from Jerry, Bob S., and Bob L.,

To Jim F. and Paul S., "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" from the two eight balls. "WE LIKE IT."

To Johnny "SATAN'S SMILE".

Another special request goes to Mrs. Stone . . . hope to see you up and around in no time . . . from the Gang at the USO

Until next month now, so long. . .

"HAWK EYE" Bart.

TRIP TO NASELLE AIRFORCE BASE

Saturday night, February 25th was a big night for the Naselle Air Force Station and also for hostesses of the Astoria USO. For the Airmen because it was the grand opening of their new recreation building, which has been in the process of being built since 1952, and for the hostesses because they were the guests of the Airmen.

The hostesses were met at the USO by two handsome and congenial Airmen, Larry DeRush, the driver of the bus, and Jim Hughes, the man in charge of us and the entire program. On the way to the ferry someone mentioned there was an unlucky number of us, thirteen.....12 girls and one chaparone, Mrs. Hutonen. Perhaps whoever said that was right, as just when it was time to start the bus to get off the ferry the battery went dead. Woe be to us, we were a little worried we may not make it after all, this being our third try to make the trip. Luckily there was a jeepster on the ferry with a friendly driver who with the aid of a cable from the ferry pulled the bus and got it started.

Everyone was in good spirits about the trip so all the way we seranaded Larry and Jim with our favorite songs.

We were first taken to our barracks, "Charlie" was his name, and what a surprise! We expected one big room with tiers of bunks, but what did we get. . . . the second floor which was made up of lovely 2 bed rooms.....almost like a dorm. Immediately rooms were chosen, lightbulbs replaced, beds made and then on to the party.

On entering the Recreation Building, there was Jim ready to take our coats and help us feel at home. He was really a busy man as he was also the MC for the evening and a very good one too. Short speeches were first in order by the Dignitaries of the Station and Community. Dancing to the terrific music of the "Blue Notes", an eight piece band from McCord Air Force Base followed. A most delicious array of refreshments were served during the intermission by the ladies of the community and the Air Forces Wives. A special feature of the evening was a square dance demonstration by the Naselle Valley Squares. They could really whirl through those dances.

Dancing to the band lasted until midnite, and then to records until 1:00 a.m., with a pause for a schottish, misic for this being provided by our Ellen Kauttu on the piano.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all and a few were looking to sleep..... but as it turned out very little was had/.....thanks to the howling dogs(?) and cats(?) below our windows, and the mice?runnin losse in the hallway. Oh well, who wanted to sleep anyway.

Just when things were quiet (well almost) it was time to get up and get ready to walk down to the dining hall for breakfast. A delicious breakfast of hot cakes and eggs were in order....even the coffee was good.

After a truck pulled the bus around the Base a few times to get it started, we were off with new memories for home in Astoria.

We sincerely wish to thank Major Radford and his men for making it possible for us to make the trip. We enjoyed it and wish all the fellows there lots of good times in their new recreation building. Also special thanks to Jim and Larry.

- Verna Hutonen -

USO RAMBLINGS

Last month a t the G SO meeting the program w as different tha n any we have had previously. Rev. Whitman of the local Methodist Church spoke, and also showed a film dealing with marriage, and how to have a good marriage. He did a wonderful job, and the girls were so impressed that they couldn't see why the fellows shouldn't have much the same program so it was arranged. The boys had the same film, samd speaker, and probably much the same discussion that the girls had. If enough interest is shown in the subject it is quite possible that a mixed group may be formed.

We are also going to try to make the girl of the month ceremony more impressive. Just how we will do it is not fully decided, but come to the next Girl of the Month dance and see what changes we have made.

A blight seems to have hit the USO; Fred, one half of the Rodby twins is very ill with a heartcondition. We surely miss his wonderful smile and will only be too happy when w e may report that he is recovering and when we may see him again.

We were all surprised and deeply grieved at the passing of our dear departed friend, Ferd Rodby. An ever smiling and always pleasant staunch member of our staff at the USO, Ferd is going to be missed a great deal by his many friends.

Services were held Tuesday morning, March 6, 1956 at the Luce Funeral Home, and were attended by many of Ferd's berieved friends. Ferd was attended by Honorary Palbearers from Tongue Point, and Jim Taylor, Director of the USO.

It is with deep and great sorrow that we bid adieu to our good friend as he departs for his home in heaven.

We are all missing, recently, the smiling jovial personality of Mrs. Antonich. She is that wonderful person who, until recently, w as always present at the buffet suppers. Mrs. Antonich is recovering from an operation on both eyes. We wish her a speedy recovery and return to our midst.

By Mrs. Stone

We are all hoping Mrs. Stone will again be with us, after spending nearly a month in the hospital, here in Astoria and in Portland. She is "ailing in the back" again as a result of her injury a year ago. We all wish her good health and hope to see her around the USO soon.

SKATING PARTY

Did you Go? Where you one of the many who went on the USO Skating party, January 20? A large group of fellows and girls piled into the cars that were available and started off to the Blue-C roller rink. The party started around 10:00 and ended around 12:00. I'm sure everyone that went thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There wre no serious spills on this skating party, Something for which we ought to be thankful. Of course, we all had our chance to meet the floor once or twice, but then it is to be expected when you get on a pair of skates. I'm sure that there will be more skating parties in the future, so come on and join the fun. It only costs 35 cents for a ticket and 25 cents for the skates. It is really well worth it, and you can really have a lot of fun. Watch the USO Bulletin for the date of the next skating party.

By Fairy Vaughan

WHO SAID IT FIRST?

Fog: Stuff that is dangerous to drive in especially if it mental.

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A Motorist is a person who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.

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Statistics show that the general run of pedestrians is a little too slow.

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The latest Kinsey Report only goes to show what has always been thought to be so: That women talk too much.

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The advantage of being bald is that when you expect callers, all you have to do is straighten your tie.

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It is what we learn after we know it all that really counts.

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Living on a small income wouldn't be so hard if it weren't for the effort to keep it a secret.

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No matter how high a man rises, he needs something to look up to.